

SALMON INDUSTRY

Seal Destroy Large numbers of Salmon and Nets.

EXTERMINATION PROPOSITION

Scheme on Foot Raise a Fund for the Purpose of Employing Two Good Hunters to go to the Seal Rendezvous and Kill Off the Salmon Destroyers.

The presence of an unusually large number of seals in the Columbia river this year is occasioning much trouble for the fishermen, both gillnet and trappers, and there is a movement on foot to devise some means of killing off the pests. The seals make their headquarters off the rocks near Tillamook head and follow every school of salmon in the river. Not only do they destroy thousands of salmon every year, but they destroy nets. It is a common occurrence for a fisherman, when he picks up his net to find one or more seals in it, with a number of salmon partially eaten, rendering them useless. A seal will invariably eat the best part of the fish, and what is left has to be thrown away. They are strong enough to go through the nets, and when found in them the fishermen have to pull up and put their nets on the rack for repairs.

Efforts have been made to secure a bounty on seals by legislative enactment, but has always been a failure. Some action will have to be taken in the matter immediately in order to protect the industry from wanton destruction, but also the property of the fishermen. A proposition has been suggested that a meeting be held of all interested in the fishing industry to devise ways and means to destroy these pests. A fund can be raised and one or two men employed to go down to the breeding place of the seal and kill them off. It is believed that two months' faithful work by good gunners would destroy the seal to such an extent that they would be practically exterminated.

In order to carry out the expense of this plan it will have to be done by personal contributions among the cannerymen and fishermen. One plan is suggested that the fishermen contribute, say ten cents a day to a fund, and that each cannery and cold storage plant contribute a certain amount, and merchants be asked to contribute some small amount to assist the movement. In this way a sufficient fund can be raised, it is believed to completely exterminate the seals.

One thing is certain, some measures must be adopted and that at once. The cost of extermination of the seals will be but a drop in the bucket compared to the benefit to the industry. It is a difficult matter to determine just the extent of the damage inflicted, but it will go up into the hundreds of dollars. Every salmon destroyed by seal is just so much money taken away from the fishermen, and although it may seem like a small number of salmon destroyed, those who have fished on the river for a number of years estimate that at least 50 salmon are destroyed every day. This means, at an average of 20 pounds to the fish, 1000 pounds of the value of \$60, or \$1800 a month and about \$7000 for the season.

Fishermen who are interested in the matter have expressed themselves favorable to the proposition herein outlined and the employment of two good hunters, believing that it will be a matter of but a short time when the seal are exterminated. The question of paying a bounty would not be satisfactory and would probably result the same as the scalp bounty law formerly in operation in the state, when coyote and wolf scalps were not only presented several times for payment, but were shipped in from Idaho and neighboring states, and which cost the state over \$100,000 with no beneficial results. This is a matter that should receive the attention of every merchant, fisherman and all interested in the salmon industry and seems to be about the only feasible plan that can be suggested for the protection of the salmon industry on the lower Columbia river.

MEETING OF CANNERYMEN.

Prices for Canned Salmon Fixed for the Ensuing Season.

A meeting of the Columbia river cannerymen was held yesterday afternoon. Hon. J. G. Meglar of Brookfield presiding. The following prices were fixed for canned salmon for the season:

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| Tails | \$1.45 |
| Flats | 1.55 |
| Half-pounds | .90 |
| Ovals | 2.20 |
| Nominals (2 lb cans) | 2.35 |

Less the usual terms of 1 1/2 per cent discount for cash. The actions of the association was wired to all commission brokers and dealers and the association is waiting for the prices to be confirmed.

The quality of salmon this year is better than ever before, the color being

unusually fine. All of the salmon canneries were represented at the meeting. No action was taken as to the price for raw material. The meeting was characterized by harmony and unanimity of sentiment on all questions affecting the industry. The unusually fine quality of the salmon will have a tendency to stiffen the market and increase the demand for the Columbia river product.

Church Notices.

Baptist church: The subject for the morning service will be "Lessons From the Grave of Lazarus." In the evening the Sunday school will present an interesting Easter exercise. All the other regular services will be observed as usual. Everybody invited.

First Lutheran church: will celebrate Easter in the following manner: Morning services in Swedish at 10:45, when the pastor, Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist, will speak on the "Resurrection." The choir will render special selections. In the evening at 7:30 the Sunday school will give its Easter entertainment. A fine program will be rendered. All the friends of our Sunday school are cordially invited. A collection will be taken up at this occasion for the Sunday school treasury.

First Methodist church: The children will render a special Easter program at 11 o'clock, consisting of good music and well drilled children exercises. A cordial welcome to all. Sunday school at 12:15. Epworth league at 6:30 and at 7:30 the pastor will preach an Easter sermon. Everybody invited to all of these services.

Presbyterian church. Rev. W. S. Wright of Portland will preach morning and evening. Special Easter music by the choir on both occasions under the leadership of Miss Hobson. The Sunday school, with the assistance of the orchestra, will hold a special Easter service of song immediately following the morning service. Parents and friends are most cordially invited.

First Congregational church, preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Mahone. Subject: "A Risen Christ." Mrs. G. C. Watkins will sing. Sunday school at 12:20 p. m. At the evening service the Sunday school will give their usual Easter program, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Obstructing the Street.

Quite a controversy has been going on at Seaside this week over the right of the town to use that portion of Bridge street running from Main street to the county bridge. An effort has been made to stop P. Lawler & Co. from constructing their new building, being erected for F. Dresser & Co., at the corner of Main and Bridge streets, claiming that the building was in the street. Several surveys of the street have been made, one by County Surveyor Astbury for P. Lawler prior to commencing work on the foundation. A few days ago an application was made to the county court for a surveyor to be sent there and settle the dispute and yesterday Geo. F. Parker went down and made a survey and filed his report in the office of the county clerk.

According to a statement made by P. Lawler, the survey showed that his property was over three inches off the street, while the property of Alex Gilbert on the north side of the street was 11 feet and 2 inches in the street. Just what action will be taken in the matter is not known. Frank Spittle has been employed to represent the interests of the town in the controversy.

Notice.

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New York, April 21.—A committee of six, consisting of three employees and three labor representatives appointed a convention of the joint arbitration board of the Building Trades Association has met to consider amendments for the arbitration agreement to be in effect during the labor year beginning May 1. All the amendments were favorably received. It is anticipated that they will be accepted by the convention and that the new agreement will ensure one of the most prosperous building seasons this city has seen in many years. The labor delegates will sign on behalf of 100,000 skilled workers, while the employers will sign for 1000 employers in the building trades.

Builders, architects and prospective owners of new office buildings, flats and apartment houses have been waiting for this convention before making contracts for the season. Two years ago many builders were bankrupted by the strikes instituted by the late Sam Parks. This brought about the arbitration agreement which is now expiring. The amendments are being made to satisfy representatives of the skilled trades not content with the old agreement.

Last year's building season was also marred by several strikes in violation of the arbitration agreement, but most of the trades involved have come back to the employers and will sign an arbitration agreement.

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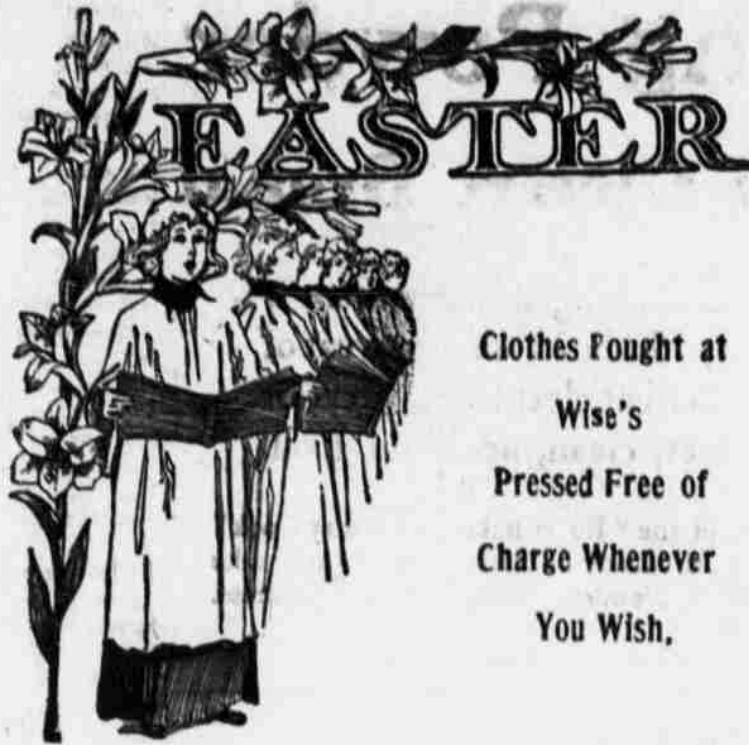
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